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Coast. While pepper was the inducement which turned the British to the West African Coast, there is no doubt that the slave trade and the thirst for gold was the incentive which gave the impetus to the seizure of most of West African lands. Here also is treated in detail the history of the explorations and struggles not only with the natives in actual war but also with the hostile nations of Europe in diplomacy which culminated in the accession of this territory. Following, Egypt and the Egyptian Sudan are treated in a similar style and the concluding chapter covers the British countries of East Africa.

Scattered through the book are valuable papers on special topics such as the Classification of Mankind and the division and place of the Negro Race, the Pepper Trade, the Tsetse Fly and Parasitic Diseases, the Products of British South Africa, the Principal Tribes of Nigeria, the Natives of the Egyptian Sudan and the Native Tribes of the British East African Dominion. The book is replete with interesting pictures of every phase of African life, animals, native peoples, invaders, homes, activities and physical features; and seven maps aid the reader in the interpretation of the text. It is a worthy addition to the works previously issued by the author.

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ASIA

Kientchang et Lolotie. Chinois—Lolos—Sifans. Impressions de voyage, étude géographique. Par Dr. A. F. Legendre. 465 pp., illustrations and map. Plon-Nourrit et Cie., Paris, 1910. Fr. 5.

Dr. Legendre has spent years in China. His book is written for edification rather than amusement. It is the result of careful observation and study relating to the geography and the social and economic conditions in the far western parts of China. His journeys are illustrated by a map showing his routes and a considerable number of photo-engravings. His text conveys a clear idea of large districts in China that have been little known to us. Few writers have given a more complete view of the customs, mentality, and ways of life of any portion of the Chinese race and the book deserves to rank high among works on parts of Asia which are not yet well known.

L'Indo-Chine Française. Cochinchine—Cambodge—Annam—Tonkin. Par L. Faque. 185 pp. and map. Félix Alcan, Paris, 1910. Fr. 0.60.

One of the long series of little works on the Far East, published by Alcan. The book tells the story of French Indo-China from the earliest times, gives the history of the French occupancy, treats rather briefly of the geography of the region and then describes its inhabitants, resources and industries. Though a short work the reader will get a clear idea from it of these peoples, their land, the splendid development work which the French are doing and their high hopes for the progress and the future value to the world of the new realm under their flag.

Cook's Handbook for Tourists to Peking, Tientsin, Shan-Hai-Kwan, Mukden, Dalny, Port Arthur and Seoul. 116 pp., maps, plans and illustrations. Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., Ltd., London, 1910.

The development of railroad travel in the Far East is attracting a considerable number of tourists and some guide books have been issued covering small parts of this region. The present handbook covers most of Eastern China which